GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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SLASHING OF TERMINAL HANDLING CHARGES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent order by Tariff Authority on Major Ports (TAMP) to slash terminal handling charge in Mumbai port has led to a major clash between foreign shipping lines and the domestic shippers;

(b) if so, whether foreign container lines met in London on July 20 and have decided not to follow the TAMP order;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether such situation is likely to arise in other major ports of the country also; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government for an amicable solution of the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. According to the press report, there is a clash of interest between various parties but no representation has been received by the Ministry.

(c) Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) is a statutory authority and its order has to be complied with by the concerned parties.

(d) Order of TAMP pertains to Mumbai Port only and is not applicable to other major ports.

(e) Does not arise.